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Does the state of Arkansas recognize Idaho's Concealed Weapons License?

_____ Regular: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302
_____ Enhanced: IDAHO CODE § 18-3302K
☒ Both (with limitation to concealed handguns)
_____ Neither

Does the state of Arkansas require a reciprocity agreement?

☒ No
_____ Yes

If yes, is a formal agreement, such as a Memorandum of Agreement, required or will a less formal agreement, such as exchange of letters acknowledging reciprocity of our states' Concealed Weapons Licenses suffice?

_____ Memorandum of Agreement
_____ Exchange of Letters

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Re: Concealed Handgun Carry License Reciprocity

Dear Ms. Atig:

A letter mailed to you concerning concealed handgun licensing reciprocity with the State of Idaho has come to my attention. In her September 17, 2013 letter, Lieutenant Cora Gentry of the Arkansas State Police's Concealed Handgun Licensing Section wrote as follows:

It is our Department's legal counsel's opinion that the license issued by another state must specifically be a concealed 'handgun' license to be honored and a concealed "weapons" license does not fit within the specific wording of the new law and would not be honored.

Lieutenant Gentry is mistaken. In an internal communication dated April 29, 2013, concerning the effect of Arkansas Act 1089, I stated that if an individual has

a valid CHCL [concealed handgun license] from another state, regardless of the training standards or whatever that may differ or be less stringent, then you can carry in Arkansas. But you will still have to follow Arkansas law on concealed carry (locations, etc.).


When Act 1089 became effective, the Arkansas State Police posted the following notice on its internet site: "Effective August 16, 2013, the State of Arkansas acknowledges all concealed handgun carry licenses lawfully issued by another state."

Stephanie A. Atig, Esq.
September 26, 2013
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Accordingly, as applied to the question of Idaho's concealed weapons licenses, they would simply be limited under Arkansas law to concealed handguns, and an Idaho license holder would similarly be subject to other restrictions under Arkansas law, such as prohibited locations.

Please contact me at 501-618-8350 or email me at greg.downs@asp.arkansas.gov, if you have any questions about this issue at any time.

Sincerely,



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cc: Colonel Stan Witt